

500.35346CX3

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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Serial No.:

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For:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REALLOCATING LOGICAL TO PHYSICAL DISK DEVICES USING A STORAGE CONTROLLER, WITH

ACCESS FREQUENCY AND SEQUENTIAL ACCESS RATIO

CALCULATIONS AND DISPLAY

Group:

2188

Examiner:

R. Bragdon

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 January 3, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action dated September 2, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C., Account No. 50-1417 (Case No. 500.35346CX3).

Respectfully submitted,

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C.

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